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LATEST TIDINGS FROM SPORTLAND

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BRAVES NEED
NEW PLAYERS
SAYS MANAGER

Boston, Jan. 18.—"The Braves are in need of repair. We will have to patch up several spots and we shall set about it at once," Manager George T. Stallings said yesterday after a conference with Percy Haughton, the new president of the club. Stallings came up from the South for the purpose of meeting the new owner.

Stallings said he had several deals in mind, which, if consummated, would bring to Boston the men needed to bolster the Braves. A catcher, a pitcher and an infielder are especially needed, he said.

Haughton already has exercised his authority in disciplining players. Announcing himself as opposed to basketball playing by any member of the Braves, because of the possibility of injury, he wrote personally to Walter Maraville, cautioning him against taking part in indoor games. Maraville had stated his intention of joining a team which would include Jimmy of the Red Sox, Connolly of the Washingtons, Numanaker of the New York Americans and Rebig of the Providence International.

ADVANCE BOOSTS
BENNY KAUFF GOT
MAY BE HANDICAP

Benny Kauff, called the "Ty Cobb of the Federal League," is going to organize baseball next season under the same handicap that made life miserable for Ruben Marquard, Marty O'Toole, Lefty Russell and Larry Chapelle.

Kauff has been touted to such an extent he will have to set the National or American League on fire or be regarded only an ordinary ball-player.

Marquard was touted to the skies when the Giants bought him for \$11,000, and he was three years before he was worth a nickel to McGraw. O'Toole's sale for \$22,500 attracted a lot of attention, and Marty, a really good pitcher, never did come up to expectations.

Russell, bought by Connie Mack for \$13,000, was a failure in the majors, and Chapelle, touted as an \$18,000 beauty when Connolly got him from Milwaukee, was back in the minors in a short time.

Kauff played great ball in the Federal League. He led the league in batting in both seasons of the league's existence, and was a top-notch in other departments. He can hit that old baseball and is fast on his feet, but that about lets him out. He is not a finished fielder.

Kauff will not only have to overcome the effect of newspaper boosts, but the boosts he has given himself, which make things worse.

When peace was declared between the Feds and O. B., Kauff immediately informed the world that he was one of the classic athletes that ever were a slave and that the club that secured his services would have to give him about all the money in the mint.

Kauff will have to come to make good the newspaper boosts and will have to go some more to justify his own opinion of his ability.

AHEARN TO MEET
GIBBONS TONIGHT

St. Paul, Jan. 18.—The request of local promoters for permission to grant a referee's decision in the 10-round bout between Mike Gibbons and Young Ahearn here tonight, was denied by the Minnesota Boxing Commission at a meeting late yesterday. The commission issued a special license permitting Jack McGuigan of Philadelphia to referee.

Light gymnasium workouts were all that Gibbons and Ahearn had on their program yesterday. Both are well under weight, and in shape for their 10-round bout.

Ahearn seems to be perturbed over the predictions of the critics of the Twin Cities, who, in reviewing the probabilities, concede him little chance to win from Gibbons.

Ahearn asserts that not enough stress has been laid on his improvement in the last two years, and that in the last two years, and that placed on what Gibbons has done in the past.

SHEEPSHEAD MAY
CLEAN UP RIBBONS

Many local fans are going to Colonial hall tonight expecting to see the Blue Ribbons get a beating in their game with the crack Sheepshead Bay basketball five from New York. This aggregation has already put the Blue Ribbons over the hurdles twice and is likely to repeat unless all signs fail.

For some unknown reason the Ribbons have not played up to their last season's form, although they have made all their games close. Manager Leavy has changed the players around several times. His latest idea of putting Leonard at guard and Smith at center seems to work well. The Sheepshead boys have such great shooters as Joe Dreyfus, Norman and Harvey. The Oseman five will play the St. Augustine's in the preliminary. Tancing will be enjoyed after the big game.

Great Clearance Sale before inventory at E. H. Dillon & Co., 1105 Main street, in shirt waists, petticoats, cloth coats, separate cloth skirts, silk and wool sweaters and reliable fur coats and muffs at less than cost prices.—Adv.

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NICK GIANAKOPOULOS, GREAT GREEK
RUNNER, ANXIOUS TO MEET HANNES
KOLEHMAINEN IN SPECIAL RACE

New York, Jan. 17.—Nick Gianakopoulos, the sturdy Greek runner from the Miltos A. A. of this city, who won the national senior cross country championship at Van Clarendon park here recently, is anxious to meet Hannes Kolehmainen, the great Finn, in a special race at 15 miles. The latter was forced to take second place to the Greek in the recent race. As Gianakopoulos is sure he can defeat Kolehmainen at this distance it is more than likely that the pair will clash in a feature event which will be staged at one of the coming meets to be held here in the near future. Photo shows Gianakopoulos winning the national senior cross country run recently.

SPORT TALK

HANDED OUT
BY WAGNER

Giants' Pennant Chances.

In landing Kauff, Anderson and Rariden of the Federal League, McGraw has gone a long way toward building a pennant winner for New York. The Giants were weak in the outfield last season because George Burns failed to repeat his 1914 form and because Robertson was out of the game a great deal by reason of injuries. If Kauff can do as well in the National as he did in the Federal he will be a sensation in New York. It is doubtful if he will have such success against National pitchers but he can drop 30 points below his Federal league form and still be a .300 clown.

All National league clubs suffered financially because the Giants were not in the running last year. A team that was foundering in the second division as the Giants were meant small crowds. Neither the Phillies nor the Braves, who showed the way in 1915, have been strengthened since the campaign closed and the Giants are likely to give them a hard tussle for the flag. It depends largely upon McGraw's pitchers. His fingers failed to live up to their reputations last year but he is hoping they will show something in the coming campaign.

Lightweight Champion Freddie Welsh was outpointed by Eddie McAndrews in a six-round bout in Philadelphia last night. Welsh had to crowd, frequently, to save himself. Welsh doesn't care how much they outpoint him so long as he can clinch and save himself from losing his title.

At the Yale gymnasium tonight the

REPORT KNABE
TO BE BOUGHT
BY THE YANKS

Baltimore, Jan. 18.—It was learned yesterday from a reliable source that Otto Knabe, manager of the local Federals, has been recommended as second baseman to the New York Yanks, and that serious consideration is being given to the purchase of the former Terrapin leader. Some time ago it was said that Philadelphia would take back its former second sacker, but Manager Moran came through with a statement to the effect that he would have no players on his club who jumped the Phillies to go to the Feds.

The fact that Lee Magee has been purchased by the Yanks will not interfere with the purchase of Knabe. Magee, will, in all probability, be used in the outfield. Knabe's contract has another year to run. Local officials said they had nothing to say about Knabe going to the Yankees.

ATHLETIC SMOKER IS
PLEASING TO MEMBERS

The Athletic A. A. held a smoker for its members at the club rooms on Sixth street last night. An evening of much enjoyment was passed and it was voted to hold another in the near future.

Election of officers was held early in the evening and the following officers were elected: President, David

Pennsylvania five will meet Yale in an intercollegiate league game. Yale was beaten by Cornell last Saturday night and tonight's contest will decide whether the Blue has any chance to retain the championship. Bobby Stow, the old Bridgeport baseball star, is coaching Yale.

Owner Weeghman of the Chicago Cubs says that if Roger Bresnahan does not buy the Toledo club he will be sold to some team in the National League. Whichever club buys Bresnahan will have to assume his contract, which still has two years to run.

Heine Schultz, the southpaw who jumped the New York Americans, is likely to land with the Cincinnati Reds. It was said that he was the best southpaw among the youngsters in the Fed circuit last year.

For the first time in three years, Harvard and Princeton will meet in a boat race. They compete at Princeton April 29. Harvard will meet Cornell in Boston May 20, and Yale at New London June 23.

Mike Dorizas, Penn's great athlete,

may be lost to the Red and Blue as a

result of an accident in the Penn gymnasium. During a wrestling bout his

left shoulder was injured and it is

feared the shoulder blade is broken.

Dorin, vice president, Harry Bahr; treasurer, Grant Cassidy; recording secretary, William Duggan; financial secretary, Francis Dunn; sergeant-at-arms, Bernard Dingsman.

After the election of officers boxing was held. Two well known amateur boxers, Benny and David Dorin, gave a fast three-round exhibition. Nine other rounds of good sparring were held, in which members of the club participated. An orchestra furnished the music for the evening and a few songs were sung by the club quartet. A luncheon was served and plenty of cigars were passed out. This club is one of the coming organizations of this city and its members are all working hard to make a success.

WILLARD AGREES
TO MEET MORAN
IN NEW YORK RING

Kansas City, Jan. 18.—After several days of dickering, Jess Willard, champion heavyweight, signed to meet Frank Moran in New York. No date was decided upon, but it will be sometime between April 10 and April 20. The bout will be scheduled for ten rounds.

Curley, who gave out the information regarding the signing of the articles, said Willard would get \$32,500 and a privilege of 45 per cent. of the total gate receipts after the state tax had been deducted. The fight papers, Curley said, bore the signatures of both Willard and Tom Jones, his manager. Although the fight will be held in the metropolis, Curley was not prepared to announce at what arena.

LEWIS WINS
FROM ZBYSZKO
IN MAT BOUT

New York, Jan. 18.—Following up his victory over Dr. Roller on Saturday night, Robert Frederick, alias "Strangler Lewis," accomplished the unexpected last night at the Manhattan Opera House by downing Wladek Zbyszko, the young Polish Hercules, in one hour twenty-seven minutes and seven seconds. It was the first defeat sustained by Zbyszko and he walked off the stage with his head hanging.

The bout was one of the greatest ever staged since the tournament began. The men were about evenly matched, and as the match progressed it began to look as if it would terminate without a decision, but a body hold obtained by Zbyszko was his undoing. After obtaining a body hold, the Polish wrestler lifted Lewis off the floor and began swinging him around in the air.

Twelve times Zbyszko swung Lewis around and then finally allowed him to fall to the floor. Zbyszko fell on top of his conqueror, but Lewis broke the hold, and as quick as a flash rolled his opponent over. Then he fell on him at the same time securing a deadly waist hold. A little more tugging and Lewis had Zbyszko's shoulders squarely on the mat. One glance and referee Bothner blew his whistle, denoting a victory for Lewis.

This is the first time that Zbyszko

has been thrown in a tournament. In

the last tournament he held Alexander

Aberg even, but was beaten in a

finish match at the Garden. By virtue

of his victories over Roller and

Zbyszko, Lewis is now picked as the

winner of the tournament.

ENGLISH SOCCER
PLAYERS BARRED
FOR CROOKEDNESS

New York, Jan. 18.—That professional sport suffers periodical setbacks, no matter in what part of the world it is staged, is shown by recent events both in this country and England. Baseball is just emerging from a season of depression, financial and otherwise, in this country while in England soccer, which corresponds to baseball in the United States, is being subjected to an investigation and housecleaning. Public interest in professional soccer has been seriously affected throughout the British Isles by disclosures which involved the honesty of some of the players.

The facts were brought out at an inquiry conducted by the Football League and the Football Association with the result that eight men were permanently barred from playing. Four of these professionals were members of the Liverpool Club, three belonged to the Manchester United Club and the eighth one played on the team of the Chester Club. No suspicion was attached to any officials of these organizations but it was proved that certain players, conspiring to throw the game, placed bets on the match last season.

In England professional football—the association or soccer game—takes the place of professional baseball in the United States. Rugby is confined to colleges, and cricket, of interest to tennis so far as public interest is concerned. But the big association matches draw crowds of from 50,000 to 100,000 while there is no field large enough to accommodate the people at the final match for the English cup in times of peace. Like professional baseball, professional football has managed to keep an untarnished reputation as a general thing. But in spite of the heavy gate receipts, the British professionals are poorly paid and their small pay may have tempted the accused men to make a bit on the side by dishonest playing.

GRIFFITH THINKS HE
WILL HAVE BETTER CREW
OF HITTERS THIS YEAR

Washington, Jan. 18.—Manager Griffith is optimistic as to his team's prospects in the next campaign, while he believes the aggregation he will put in the field in the coming campaign will show much superiority over last year's outfit.

Griffith bases his prediction on the fact that he figures to have three or four youngsters in the lineup who will hit better than the players whose places they are to take. He is certain that the new team will have more value than the old one, explaining the fact that Gandil led the team in driving in runs by citing that Chic batted in the clean-up position in the batting order, where he had more opportunities to drive in runs than any of the others.

Barber is another youngster whom Griffith picks to hit over the .300 mark in the next campaign, while he is certain that Jamison and Clyde Milan will both show improvement in their hitting. Milan suffered a severe handicap last season, because he did not get himself in good condition until the season was well under way. The popular center fielder blamed his failure to play up to his usual brilliant form in the early games to the fact that he did not relish the climate of Charlottesville, where the cold played havoc with his training.

Next spring he is to spend a couple of weeks at Hot Springs, Ark., together with Walter Johnson and George McBride, and he expects to be in better shape when he reports than he was at any time during the first two months of the last campaign.

Geddon, it is hoped, was showing the batting form last season on the Pacific coast, where he made an average of .313 in which event he would prove a big improvement over any regular second baseman Griffith ever has had.

Griffith wants to play Eddie Foster

at third if possible, for there is no

question that he is of more value to

the base, in that position than at sec-

ond base, though, of course, in due

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GIANTS PAY \$60,000 FOR
KAUFF, RARIDEN AND ANDERSONMcGraw After Konetchy Now And Will Release
Chief Meyers.

New York, Jan. 18.—Harry S. Sinclair increased his fortune by \$60,000 yesterday afternoon by selling Benny Kauff, the sensational young outfielder of the Brookfords; Bill Rariden, the catcher of the Newark Feds, and Dr. Fred Anderson, a pitcher of the Buffalo Feds, to the Giants. While neither Harry N. Hempstead, President of the Giants, nor Sinclair would tell the prices paid for the three players, it was learned from an authentic source that Kauff brought \$35,000, Rariden \$15,000 and Anderson \$10,000.

The consummation of the sale of the three players came about at 4 p.m. immediately after the signing of the papers. President Hempstead said to the gathering of baseball writers in his office:

"We have just concluded a deal with Mr. Sinclair for the services of Kauff, Rariden and Anderson. I guess this will eliminate all talk and gossip about the Giants going to be sold. Our negotiations with Mr. Sinclair were always of the most straightforward nature. Furthermore, Mr. Sinclair allowed us the first pick of all his players except Lee Magee."

Then turning to Manager McGraw, Hempstead said:

"I believe that we need another first class player, Mac."

This other player the Giants are now trying to purchase from Sinclair is an infielder—possibly Eddie Konetchy of the Pittsburgh Feds. The deal for him is likely to materialize in a day or two.

The signing of Kauff comes as no great surprise, but it was not figured that McGraw was seeking Rariden and Anderson. The deal for Kauff was practically closed Saturday night at a conference between Hempstead, McGraw and Sinclair.

Ever since peace has been declared, McGraw has been angling for Kauff, and it was at his suggestion that the

time he might develop into a star at second.

"Look for a mighty strong pitching staff and capable catching during the 1916 season," said Griffith, "and if we get the improved hitting which I expect there will be no reason for us complaining about the team. I concede that it is going to be a hard fight in the American League next season, and that there will be more contenders in the race than have been in several years, but I am well satisfied that we will hold our own, and if I have any luck in the matter of making a trade or two during the winter I may further improve the team. I believe that I will be able to swing a deal or so before reporting time rolls around."

LEVINSKY IS WILLING
TO GIVE WILLARD OR
MORAN \$5,000, HE SAYS

Here's the latest from the fertile

pen of Dan O'neill:

"Battling" Levinsky, the world's famous heavyweight, is all ready to show Frank Moran a few points in boxing. It is a pity to watch Moran in action, for he knows absolutely nothing about the game of hit, stop, and get away. Frank is about as graceful in the ring as an elephant, for all he does is to let go a slow, wild, right hand swing for general results. If the boxing game had to rely

on men like Moran and Willard, it would soon come to an end, for all they do is make a home run once or twice a year.

"Battling" Levinsky, who is a high class boxer and fighter, goes right on making a hit once and sometimes twice a week. At the end of the year he stands above a dozen Morans and Willards for hard work and services given to the public. Willard beat Johnson, who was all in, while Moran whipped Coffey, who has a glass jaw, but "Battling" Levinsky whips all the heavyweights from top to bottom, and when he is finished, he starts doing it right over again.

I believe that Levinsky is willing to give either Willard or Moran \$5,000 if they can hit him once in 10 rounds. This is no bluff. Levinsky is all ready to give up the money if he can get either one of the two circus boys into the ring."

Anderson was born in North Carolina and is a graduate of the North Carolina A. & M. College. He was signed by the Reds in 1911. In 1914 he jumped to the Feds. Last season he won nineteen games and lost eleven.

OZANAM'S FIRST DANCE
IS SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

The first entertainment and dance to be given by the Ozanam club, was held last evening at the Seaside Institute, and attended by the largest crowd that ever visited this hall.

The program of entertainment included solos by Arthur Levasseur, Albert Lapke, Edward Larkin, Joseph Miller and the Misses Helen Carroll and Lucy Clancy. They were received with great applause. Edward and Joseph Shea played with a violin duet and Miss Agnes Light recited her usual entertaining way, while Miss Rhea Dunham entertained with a piano solo.

By 8 o'clock the hall was well filled, and before the entertainment was over standing room only in the outside halls was the rule. Dancing followed the entertainment. Music was furnished by Kearns' orchestra.

The committee in charge of the entertainment was composed of Joseph Cummings, chairman; Robert Kelly, Andrew Corbett, Edward Cragh and William Luddy.

STRIKE FOR PAY INCREASE

North Andover, Mass., Jan. 18.—Approximately 500 employees of the Davis & Fruber shops here struck today demanding 15 per cent. wage increase.

The national convention of the United Mine Workers of America opens today in Indianapolis.

President Wilson will undertake a stumping tour in behalf of his preparedness program.

